

1 in part 2 of its report has suggested to the Convention that
2 the principle of sovereign immunity ought to be abrogated
3 by the Constitution, that the State should no longer be able
4 to escape responsibility for its omissions and commissions
5 as, for instance, when an automobile owned by the State injures
6 someone, it should be in the same position as when a private
7 person is involved in an accident.

8 This same principle, but with much more force,
9 I suggest, applies also to the State in the role of an
10 employer.

11 The 135,000 employees of the State in its political
12 subdivisions have no right to organize or to bargain collec-
13 tively.

14 It is true that in many areas of public employment
15 and to an increasing extent, there have been organizations
16 recognized by the State as political subdivisions and
17 bargaining occurs. We say that this ought to be a right.
18 It ought to be a must that the Government as an employer,
19 should certainly afford its citizens or its employees all
20 of the avenues of redress that those in private industry
21 enjoy.